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SUBJ: CONGOLESE AMB MOPOLO-DADET

REF CAIRO 8519,

1. CONGOLOESE AMB MOPOLO-DADET PAID FAREWELL CALL TODAY.  
HIS PLANNED MID JUNE DEPARTURE HAD BEEN DELAYED A BIT, BUT  
HE NOW EXPECTS TO LEAVE SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. HIS WIFE AND SON  
WILL GO DIRECTLY TO NAIROBI AND REMAIN THERE FOR TIME BEING.

2. RECALLING OUR EARLIER TALK, MOPOLO-DADET SAID HE WAS  
PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO PAY A FORMAL CALL NOW THAT DIP RELATIONS  
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTIRES HAD BEEN RE-ESTABLISHED. HE CONTINUED  
TO WONDER WHETHER THIS DEVELOPMENT MIGHT NOT BE PRE-  
MATURE, SINCE HE BELIEVES PRES OMBI-OPANGO'S MAIN PURPOSE IS  
TO USE IT FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES. MOPOLO-DADET'S ADVICE CON-  
TINUES TO BE TO GO SLOWLY IN DEVELOPING NEW RELATIONSHIP.  
I POINTED OUT THAT PRES CARTER'S POLICY IS TO SEEK TO ESTABLISH  
FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL GOVTS, INCLUDING THOSE WITH WHOM  
WE HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY HAD RELATIONS, AN THAT THE RESUMPTION  
OF DIP RELATIONS WAS DONE ON OUR PART IN GOOD FAITH.

3. IN RESPONSE, MOPOLO-DADET AGREED THAT IT WAS GOOD DE-  
VELOPMENT. WHAT IS NEEDED, HOWEVER, IS CAREFUL CONSOLIDATION  
OF OUR NEW RELATINSHIP. ASKED HOW HE THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE  
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DONE, HE SUGGESTED THAT WE INVITE SOME SENIOR CONGOLESE  
OFFICIALS TO VISIT US. HE MENTIONED PARTICULARLY DENIS SASSOU-  
MGUESSO AND MAJOR JEAN-MICHEL EBAKA, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS THE  
NO 2 AND 4 MEN IN THE CURRENT POWER STRUCTURE. THE TWO ARE  
THE PRINCIPAL ADVISERS TO THE PRESIDENT, COME FROM THE  
PRESIDENT'S TRIBE AND ARE PERSONALLY CLOSE TO HIM. THEY  
CONTROL THE ALL-POWERFUL ARMY AND SECURITY FORCES, RESPECTIVELY.

THE PM, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS NO 3, COMES FROM ANOTHR REGION AND IS WITHOUT A AGREAT DEAL OF INFLUENCE. VISITS BY THESE TWO OFFICIALS, HE OPINED, COULD STRENGTHEN THE NEW RELATIONSHIP.

4. ACCORDING TO MOPOLO-DADET, BOTH THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBAN AMBS IN CAIRO HAVE EXPRESSED SOME UNHAPPINESS OVER RECENT CONGOLSESE DEVELOPMENTS, THEY PROFESS TO REGARD THEM AS A MOVE TO THE RIGHT, EVEN THOUGH THIS DESCRIPTION IS INCORRECT. THEIR CONCERN IS PROMPTED BY A VARIETY OF FACTORS, AMONG THEM, (A) RESUMPTION OF DIP RELATIONS WITH US, (B) THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO FRANCE, AND (C) THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION IN RELYING LESS UPON THE PARTY AND MORE ON NON-POLITICAL TECHNICIANS. HE CLAIMS THAT THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS ARE WORKING TOWARD PROMOTING A COUNTER-REACTION, USING THE TRADE UNIONS, THE ARMY, THE UNIV STUDENTS, AND THE "TRIBAL CONTRADICTIONS" THAT EXIST.

5. MOPOLO-DADET DESCRIBED THE OMBI-OPANGO REGIME AS FRAGILE. NO ONE KNOWS HOW LONG IT WILL LAST. ITS FRAGILITY WILL DISAPPEAR ONLY WHEN THE PRESIDENT IS ABLE TO PROVE THAT HE CAN BRING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT. THE PRESIDENT, MOPOLO-DADED NOTED, HAS NO "GLORIOUS PAST". HE WAS DRUMMED OUT OF THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE, NOT FOR POLITICAL CONTRADICTIONS, BUT BECAUSE OF CHARGES OF CORRUPTION. HE IS, FOR THE MOMENT, ACCEPTED BECAUSE HIS PRESENCE HELPS TO RE-ASSURE THE WESTERN STATES, ESPECIALLY SINCE HE HAS LONG HAD CLOSE RELA-

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TIONSHIPS WITH FRENCH BUSINESSMEN. HOWEVER, HE IS NOT STRONG AND THE REAL POWER IS SASSOU-NGUESSO.

6. WHEN HE RETURNS LATER THIS MONTH, MOPOLO-DADET INTENDS TO GO TO HIS TRIBE FOR AWHILE. HIS UNIVERSITY TEACHING ASSIGNMENT DOES NOT BEGIN UNTIL OCT OR NOV. DEPENDING UPON THE SITUATION THAT HE FINDS, HE WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO STAY OR TO FIND A WAY TO FLEE THE COUNTRY. AS HE WAS LEAVING, HE MADE THE INTERESTING COMMENT THAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS IN THE CONGO, AND HE EXPECTS THAT IT WILL, HE WILL NOT BE IN THE FOREFRONT. INSTEAD, HE WILL "COME IN" AFTERWARDS.

7. COMMENT: I HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER MOPOLO-DADET'S COMMENTS ADD ANYTHING TO OUR KNOWLEDGE. ON OFF CHANCE THAT THERE MAY BE SOMETHING NEW OR USEFUL IN WHAT HE HAD TO SAY, I AM, NEVERTHELESS, SUBMITTING THEM.  
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